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Do the Denominational Colleges Need to be "Redeemed?"

In his address on "Christian Education" at the International Sunday School Convention, Dr. W. S. Athearn said:

"The next step is to redeem the church college. . . . Our church colleges have failed to recognize that they have a distinct contribution to make to the church. The department of philosophy in a Christian College should give to all students a philosophical interpretation of the ideals of the Christian religion, so that whatever philosophies may evolve out of the sciences taught in that college, they will all be seen in the light of the philosophy of Christianity. . . . Denominational colleges have failed as teachers of Biblical history and literature, and the nature and structure of religion, but their most lamentable failures have been in their departments of philosophy and ethics, and their departments of sociology."

"When the departments of these colleges come back to their task, we shall have a leadership that will solve these great problems, and we will not be battling to give the church a social program or to square the findings of science with the claims of religion. The church college will solve this problem. Now, let us call the church colleges back to that task, or put them out of business!"

This is a serious indictment of over four hundred Protestant colleges. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION has invited the Presidents of these colleges to testify before the court of public opinion on these points. Many of them are accepting the invitation. In an early issue their replies will be presented to our readers. This will be the latest picture of the colleges, taken by the processes of executive photography. It will be illuminating and informing.

Are College Textbooks written from the Atheistic, Mechanical, Unchristian Point of View?

In an early issue of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION a carefully prepared bibliography on Christian Education with especial reference to college instruction will be presented. This will undertake to list the latest, best and generally used books which college professors make use of in interpreting their subjects from the Christian point of view.

Snapshots of the Pulpit from the Pews

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is mailing five hundred letters to prominent laymen in the various churches asking them to suggest methods of improvement in the training of ministers. A great many valuable replies are coming in in response to this invitation. In an early issue the substance of these replies will be given and an attempt will be made to interpret their significance.

Snapshots of the Seminaries from the Field

In the same manner, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is sending to five hundred graduates of theological seminaries who are now ministering in churches certain questions as to the improvement of the methods of training ministers. It is the intention to present the results of this investigation to our readers also in an early issue.

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